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How lamentably the spirit of liberty has departed from the denomination.

How coldly the advocates of unpopular truths are looked upon in the community, & by no portion of it more coldly than by the Unitarians.

~~They shrink from speaking~~ They shrink from speaking even what they themselves confess to be the truth - & from declaring what they believe to be duty.

Is this a severe charge? ~~I~~ Do I appear, in saying it, like the accuser of my brethren? yes, of my elders! It is known to God how long I have refrained from declaring this, and giving the proof of it.

My proof may be found in 2 circumstances - which I shall relate.

2. The declaration made in England that the North never ought to rest till Slavery was abolished in D. of Columbia.

1. "Who is my Neighbour" - beautiful, & most affecting discourse - lines - shown, & omitted - read - & again, omitted. Why omitted? in Boston?

(over)

give & were here

"Thy neighbour? Yonder totling Slave,
Fettered in thought & limb,
Whose hopes are all beyond & grace
Go thou & ransom him."

+ It was only to say, The Slave is ~~off~~ neighbour - yet it
was not said. - Being said and shown absent to it.

I repeat I w^d. not be of. accuser of my brother
I aver that I am not. I speak but fair
facts wh. I know, not from hearsay, but
from actual, personal knowledge - from &
testimony of my own eyes & ears.

And of whom do I speak these things?
Of men agst whom I have any grudge?
No indeed. Far from it. Both of them have
shown a friendly regard for me, & done me all
of kindness; and to them^{both} I have rendered
services, in return. - I speak it not boastingly
but simply as affording evidence that I
speak these things from no hostility, or want
of affection.

And what shall we say of & fact, brethren &
fathers, that when nearly 3 millions of our
fellow-men are ~~in the land~~ suffering, in the
land, all & horrors of a most grinding bondage,
their minds kept in darkness, & their bodies

consigned to hopeless toil, or made v. objects
of the most loathsome sensuality, - 3 millions
of v. children of v. Most High GOD, cry, of our
brethren, (save that we have no brother, regard
for them) - what shall we say, &c. that, in
this city, scarcely a pulpit of v. Christⁿ Denomⁿ
speaks a word in their behalf - tell v. tale
of their wrong & misery - or implore fraternal
sympathy & action in their behalf. [Shame!
Shame!] that this sh^d. be true of such a
movement to have rec^d. in its purity & its power
v. simple truth of Christ. Oh that it
sh^d. be true, that our ears are deaf to those
cries, wh. ~~reach~~ to have come into v. ears,
if v. GOD of Sabbath.

Consider too v. fact of Dr. Follen's Eulogy!
That F. & Eulogy sh^d. not be spoken in v. church
where himself has so often broken v. head of
spiritual life, because it was to be given
before an Antislavery Society. { Equally true of v. country
as of v. city.

It is my humble belief "that these things
ought not so to be" - that they are a deep
disgrace to us. as Unitarians.

Dr. H. W. Jr's piece in Month. Misc. for Feb.
strengthened my hands in doing what I sh^d. have
done without it -

I have spoken according to my conviction of ^{truth.}

I say to s. proudest of you - & s. fairest
of you - that s. slave, as he came from
y. hands of God, was yr. equal in every
respect. In His sight, the ^{Black man,} ~~slave~~, degraded,
imbruted, ground into s. dust, as he is,
is still your equal, as regards his rights
- his birthright - unequal only as your
rights have been preserved - his, by s.
hand of violence & crime, wrested from him,
& he beat down to s. ground.

Facts, Additional.

1. Dr. Thayer's Charge to R.D. Stabbin.
2. Has Dr. Channing ever preached on Slavery.
3. Refusal to admit Dr. Withland's Article, into Register.

Why do not Unitarians exhibit on s. side of undoubted
moral Truth - & thus give an impetus, also, to their
own Relig. Views

Facts, on Other Subjects.

1. How have s. Unit. Ministers sustained Mr. Pierpont
in his zealous & faithful efforts to preserve
unimpaired y. first principles of y. rights of
conscience & of freedom of speech.
2. Register advocating Exclusive Views with regard to the
Lord's Supper - see an Article of S.K.L. somewhere about
May, 1846

Can Unit. live, with such a spirit?

Yea! y. truth of. is in it shall survive; but
it shall be taken from us, & given to a nation
bringing forth s. fruits thereof.

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